

The University of Aberdeen LLB Widening Access Contextualised Admissions Policy

The University of Aberdeen has a long-standing commitment to widening access to higher education. A key part of this commitment is the University's Contextualised Admissions Policy.

We wish to encourage students from the widest possible range of backgrounds to participate in University studies, and we appreciate that not all students have the same opportunity to meet our advertised entry requirements therefore we take contextualised information into account when making decisions on the applications we receive and the entrance requirements which we require. The information below refers to students sitting Scottish Higher qualifications, for all other qualifications please contact ugadmissions@abdn.ac.uk

1. University of Aberdeen Widening Access Contextualised Criteria

Applicants who come from the following backgrounds would be eligible for consideration under the Widening Access Contextualised Admissions Policy. These criteria are agreed in the University's Outcome Agreement with the Scottish Funding Council. They are also in line with the Scottish Government's national ambitions as detailed in the [Commission for Widening Access Report](#). Please see the University Widening Access webpages for more information: www.abdn.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/widening-access.php

Applicants ordinarily resident in a SIMD 20 Scottish postcode area or are Receiving Free School Meals

Applicants who have achieved BBB at Higher after S5, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria are encouraged to apply and will be considered for an adjusted offer for LLB degrees.

We would expect to issue a conditional offer asking for one additional A grade at Higher. In exceptional circumstances we may need to ask for two additional Highers at AA.

Applicants who have been In Care

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Applicants who are:

- **Estranged From Parents**
- **Have Caring Responsibilities**
- **In receipt of Educational Maintenance Allowance**
- **Experienced a physical and/or mental health issue that has impacted on secondary education**
- **Ordinarily resident in a POLAR 4 Quintile 1 (Rest of UK) postcode area**
- **Gypsy, Roma or Travelling Community**
- **Refugee/Asylum Seeker Status**
- **Home address is in an area considered to remote and rural (5-8 on the Scottish Government 8-fold Urban Rural Classification)**
- **Parent Or Carer In Armed Forces**
- **Served In Armed Forces**
- **Have been through the Children's Panel process**
- **Parents(s) have had a custodial sentence**

Applicants who have achieved BBB at Higher, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria are encouraged to apply and will be considered for an adjusted offer for LLB degrees.

We would expect to issue a conditional offer requesting an additional Highers in the range of AA-AAA however the detail of the of the bespoke conditional offer will be linked to the academic profile being undertaken in the current year.

Please note that this list is not exhaustive, and the University may consider other criteria where detriment to education can be evidenced.

2. Informing the University of your Contextualised Criteria

The University can check if an applicant meets some of the criteria listed above using the information that is supplied in the UCAS application. Please ensure you select the appropriate boxes on UCAS to inform us of any widening access factors. For those factors without a field on UCAS, please include this information in your personal statement and we would expect referees to verify this information. Applicants will be required to discuss how their education has been disrupted due to the criteria selected in their personal statement or it may be mentioned in the reference, alternatively please submit this information by email to ugadmissions@abdn.ac.uk. Any additional information, which is supplied to the University in a clear and timely manner, will be considered alongside the main application. (Applicants must include their full name and UCAS ID number in all correspondence with the University)

The University would also ask that referees verify if an applicant meets one or more of the contextualised criteria in their UCAS reference and the impact this has had on their education.

4. Policy Documents

Information relating to all the University's Admissions Policies can be found at the following webpage:

www.abdn.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/admissions-policy

5. More information

For more information about Widening Access at the University of Aberdeen, please contact the [Access and Articulation Team](#).